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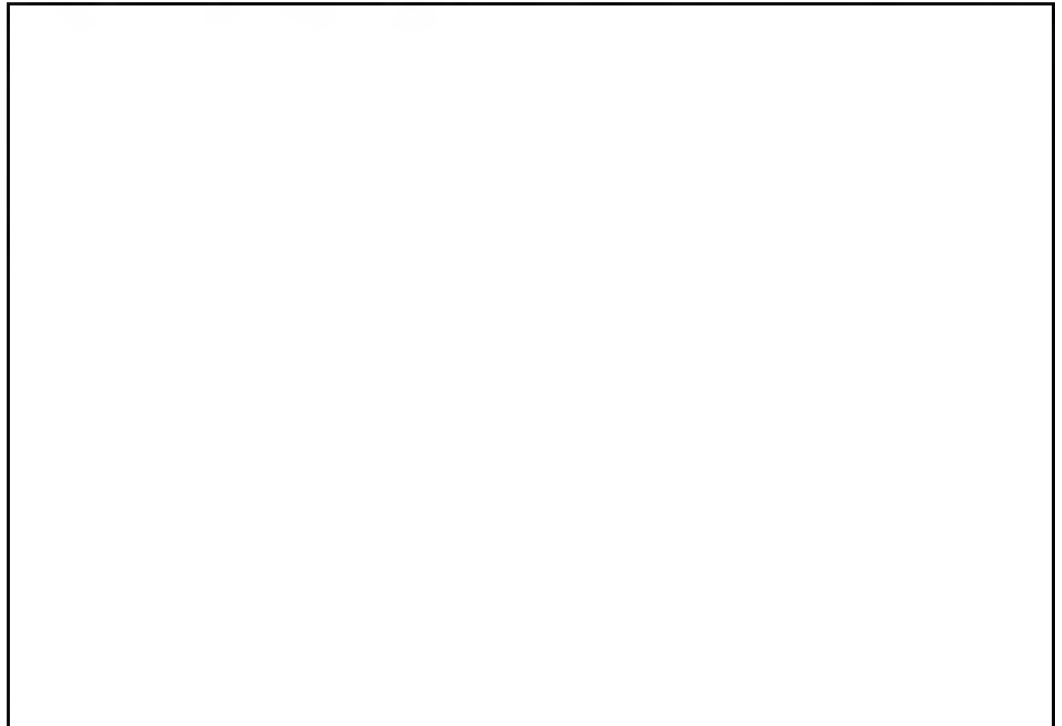
SUBJECT: Telephone Call from Walter Pincus, Symington Subcommittee

Pincus called me this morning to give me the following information:

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1. After DIA took the position that General Bennett would not appear unless the Director also appeared, Pincus went to Senator Symington to suggest that the question regarding exchange of intelligence with the [redacted] be withdrawn and the meeting be called off. However, Symington took the position that if "they", meaning the White House and Stevenson at State, want to drag everybody in, that was up to "them". As Pincus understands it, therefore, the meeting of the Subcommittee is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. tomorrow afternoon at which the Director, Alexis Johnson, and General Bennett will appear.

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3. I told Pincus that this was all news to me and I did not know what the Director's plans were and whether or not he would be appearing. Pincus then said that if the Director can't make it tomorrow, Symington plans an afternoon session next week with him alone on those questions raised above that are within our responsibility. Pincus made it clear throughout that he regretted this situation; that he was at odds with Paul on how the matter should be handled and that he was critical of the way State and the White House had handled this whole problem.

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